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Raleigh, N. C., Saturday Morning, December 19, 1891.

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FALLS FROM GRAVE.

A Baptist Preacher in Wilkes who Skipped with a Sister.

The North Wilkesboro News says that Deputy Sheriff Laws has arrested Harrison Blankenship, in Wilkes county, and turned him over to the Ashe county authorities, by whom he was wanted for deserting his family last summer and skipping, taking with him the wife of his neighbor, Hamilton Walters, she leaving a number of small children at home. Blankenship was a Baptist preacher, and, at the time of his sudden departure, was pastor of several small churches in the upper part of Wilkes and in Ashe county. Although his education was limited, he was gaining considerable popularity as a minister. Besides his pastoral charge he left a wife and seven or eight small children, four of whom have since died, and it is said that the neighborhood physician attributes the deaths in part to the inability of the mother to properly provide and care for them, as the unnatural husband and father was their sole dependence for support. He came back to his father's, where he was arrested, claiming that he had secured a divorce from his wife and had married the partner of his flight. It is to be hoped that he will be dealt with as the enormity of the crime demands.

The Fife Meeting at Oxford.

Special Correspondent.

OXFORD, N. C., Dec. 18. The meeting just closed at this place has been fruitful of much good. Judging from external appearances and from the experience of the ministry and Christians of Oxford, never has there been such a work of grace in the history of the town.

At the close of the meeting last night, nine ministers representing the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches of the town and vicinity, expressed themselves as being in hearty sympathy with Mr. Fife's work, and all said they had profited by the meeting. Some of them said they were a little prejudiced at the outset, but as the meeting progressed their prejudice had left them, and they really believed that the work was God's work, founded upon the word and spirit of God. All said that it was the most marvellous manifestation of divine grace that they had ever witnessed.

What the result of this meeting may be no one can tell, but present indications are that about three hundred and twenty-five have been hopefully converted, and that the joys of God's salvation have been restored to the hearts of four or five thousand Christians.

The young men of Oxford almost without exception professed conversion, and about 1,000 men promised, by the grace of God, to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, and to use all honorable means to prevent its sale in the town and county.

The meeting reached every class, condition, and walk in life. At the close of the meeting, Mr. Fife was presented with a check for \$1,000 which was contributed by the people generally, there being only one contribution so large as \$50.

The fact that this money was the property of the contributors, and that it was cheerfully given, is enough to indicate the feeling of our people toward Mr. Fife. They believe they are putting it into the hands of God for noble purposes.

Mr. Fife leaves to-day for other fields. God bless him; the prayers of Oxford go with him.

Attention to the daily habits of the young prevents suffering. Take Simmons Liver Regulator.

TWO PROMINENT BALTIMOREANS DEAD.

Terrible Shooting Affair in Blenville Parish, Louisiana.

HONDURAS REVOLUTION.

Washington Gossip. Congressman Dalzell a Candidate--General News Notes.

By United Press.

LOUISIANA SHOOTING.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 18. An old man named Jack Smith quarrelled with Wright Poland at Buckhorn, Blenville parish, recently. To get revenge Smith and his three sons and four other men rode to Poland's house in the night time, summoned Poland and his wife to the door and shot them dead. Mrs. Poland was about to become a mother. Smith, one of his sons and three other men have been arrested.

TWO BALTIMOREANS DEAD.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 18. Francis T. King and Charles Carson, prominent citizens died to-day from the effects of the grip. Mr. King was a director in Johns Hopkins' university and Mr. Carson a leading architect. General John B. Kenley, the highest officer in rank from Maryland during the late war, is dying. Ex-Governor McLean and Bishop Paree are better.

REVOLUTION IN HONDURAS.

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 18. It is reported here that the revolution in Honduras still continues. No details however have been received. The government of San Salvador is keeping its troops on the frontier to prevent hostile demonstrations within its territory.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18. It is authoritatively stated that Speaker Crisp will announce the House committees on Wednesday next.

OLCOTT AGREEMENT ACCEPTED.

LONDON, Dec. 18. The English holders of the Virginia debt voted to-day to accept the Olcott agreement.

DALZELL A CANDIDATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. Congressman Dalzell of Pennsylvania, is out in an interview announcing himself a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Quay.

Assignment at Lumberton.

Mr. N. H. Jones, for more than twenty years a merchant of Lumberton, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. By the great fire of 1887 Mr. Jones lost very heavily. His liabilities are said to be about \$9,000.

The Two Johns.

"Out of sight" is the comment on the play "The Two Johns," and certainly the performance deserves that compliment. It is bright and funny all the way through. Messrs. John Hart and Quinn Phillips as the "Johns" are "great," physically and mentally. The support is very clever. Pleasing features are the dancing of the Cassie sisters and of Mr. Harrington and Miss Aubrey. Mr. Linze's singing of "The Old Sexton" was encored. All the party are funmakers, and people who cannot laugh at "The Two Johns" have no sense of the mirthful.

A DREADFUL AFFAIR.

Horrible Death of a Young Man in Surry County.

Magistrate F. A. Harris writes the *Edin. Courier* as follows, and his statement is a powerful argument against drunkenness: "I have just witnessed a jury's inquisition over the dead body of a young man, who left a widow and one child to the cold charities of an unfeeling world. The facts and circumstances of the case were the most appalling, unnatural, inhuman and brutal that has ever come under my observation. There were the mother, two sons and one daughter, who had been in a drunken revel and debauch for about two weeks previous to the death of the son, and were all drunk and drinking around the dead body of the son and brother, when found. The verdict of the jury was 'that the deceased came to his end by rash and reckless imprudence, excessive drinking and prolonged drunken debauchery.' This is the fifth case of death from excessive drinking that has occurred within three months, and all in the same vicinity, and one a woman. There was one case, in the same vicinity, where a man's wife became so drunken and debauched, that he drove her out from home and took the three little children from her. She sued him for separate maintenance, and they compromised by giving the woman one third of his estate, personal and real. There are many instances around where drunken husbands have whipped and maltreated their wives.

Benson Still Missing.

Lumberton Correspondent.

Mr. John M. Benson, treasurer of Bladen county, who is short in his accounts six thousand dollars, is reported absent. It was reported at first that he was not gone and that the shortage would be made good by him. He was also merchandising on a large scale in Elizabethtown. There can be no good reason assigned why a treasurer should default, as the money is paid to him without cost or trouble, and unless he uses it unlawfully he must have it. A sheriff may fail to collect the taxes or his deputies may prove unfaithful, but a treasurer has no risks of this kind to assume.

A Quarrel and a Murder.

Face to the Observer.

Near Roseboro, two negroes, Bill and Samuel Simpson, became engaged in an altercation on the road side, when the latter, who was armed with a gun, shot the former. Octave Simpson, a son of Bill, thought his father was dead, and straightway attacked Sam Simpson, and a desperate fight ensued, in which Octave was fatally cut with a knife dying the next morning.

Will not Receive Criminals.

Grubham Giesner.

A deputy Sheriff carried Edward Collins to the Morganton hospital Tuesday. Collins was charged with an infamous crime and at the last superior court was ordered by Judge Winston to be sent to the Western hospital. Collins being a criminal the Superintendent would not admit him, and he has the law to back him.

A Railway Purchase.

The purchase of the Wilmington, Chadbourn & Conway railroad by the Atlantic Coast Line was confirmed Wednesday by the board of directors of the latter. The new road will no doubt prove a valuable feeder, passing as it does through a good agricultural and well-timbered section.

THE LOUISIANA

LOTTERY FIGHT.

Louisiana Democrats Remain Divided at Baton Rouge.

ANTI-LOTTERY NOMINATIONS.

Murphy J. Foster for Governor--The Lottery Convention Organizes and Adjourns Until To-Day.

By the United Press.

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 18. Yesterday Democratic anti-lottery men nominated a full State ticket and adjourned. The faction favoring the lottery for another twenty-five years simply organized and adjourned until to-day.

The anti-lottery Democratic State ticket is as follows:

For Governor, Murphy J. Foster; Lieutenant-Governor, Charles Parlange; Secretary of State, Thos. S. Adams; Treasurer, John Pikett; Attorney-General, Milton J. Cunningham; Superintendent of Education, A. D. Lafargue; Auditor, W. W. Heard.

Thomas S. Adams was nominated at first, but he declined in favor of Mr. Foster.

The Anti-Lottery Convention was called to order at 11:30 a. m. The committee on credentials made a unanimous report. Thirty-six parishes and three city wards were represented.

Mr. Wilkinson was escorted to the chair and made a speech of acceptance, saying he was glad to have been selected as chairman of the Democratic convention. He said aliens and gamblers had seized on the machinery of the party and expected the convention to recognize them as the Democratic party.

He was ready to go before the people on the issue raised and leave the people to decide which was the regular convention of the party. He had no fear of what the decision of the people would be.

Mr. Wilkinson attacked the lottery and charged that McEnery and the lottery were one. His mention of Foster's name, "the man who had led the fight in the Legislature," was received with wild applause, and the speaker's sarcastic insinuation against the State Supreme court was likewise applauded.

In the Democratic primary for delegates to the Democratic convention there were two tickets, one favoring the nomination of Judge S. D. McEnery and the adoption of the proposed amendments to the constitution known as the lottery amendments; the other ticket favoring T. S. Adams, of the Farmers' Alliance, for Governor and opposed to the adoption of the lottery amendments. This side was known as the Adams anti-lottery combine faction.

The McEnery party elected more than four hundred of the six hundred and eighty-six members of the Democratic convention, while the Adams anti-lottery combine elected but two hundred and thirty-three uncontested delegates.

The factions could not agree concerning the preliminary organization, and yesterday each concluded to hold a convention of its own. The Governor of the State, belonging to the anti-lottery faction, allowed them to meet in the State house, while the lottery men assembled at Pike's Hall.

A Costly Mistake.

"Poor Jones! I feel sorry for him. One year ago he was worth \$10,000 and now he isn't worth a cent." "How did he lose it?" "Thought he was an editor and started a newspaper."

THE VALUE OF PROPERTY.

A Remarkable Increase Shown by the Returns.

The State Auditor has prepared some figures which give the interesting facts as to the assessed valuation of all the property in the State, including railways, for the fiscal year ended November 30 last. The valuation is no less than \$257,052,256, and the increase over 1890 is \$31,000,000 in round numbers. This will be quite a surprise to the people, and a pleasurable one. The showing is excellent. The increase in the valuation of railway property alone is \$9,000,000.

For 1890 the valuation of all property was \$226,371,393. In that year the valuation of the railway property was \$13,674,106.

For 1887 the total valuation, including railways, was \$215,125,183.

The tables for the year 1891 show the value, for each county, of all classes of property. For instance they will show for the first time the value of real and of personal property; of property listed by negroes and that listed by whites; the value of bank stock; the value of railway property; the aggregate value of all property.

These reports will be practically interesting. They will be published in the *Baltimore Manufacturers' Record*, and the figures compared with those of 1881 to show what progress the State has made in ten years.

A New Baptist Church.

It is proposed by the congregation of the Fayetteville Street Baptist church to build a new house of worship on the corner lot west of the Centennial graded school. This church, begun in an humble way, has done a good work. It deserves the support of all good people.

N. C. Headquarters in Washington.

The headquarters for North Carolinians in Washington City is the Metropolitan Hotel. Senator Ransom has lived there for more than a dozen years and most of our members of Congress have made it their home while in Washington. Messrs. Bunn, Henderson, Crawford, Alexander and Branch all board there. This hotel was the centre of the deep interest in Washington during the contest for the Speakership as Messrs. Crisp, McMillin and Mills made it their headquarters. Since the adjournment of the last Congress the hotel has been almost entirely rebuilt and is now one of the best fitted up houses in the city. It seems to attract Southern people and for years it has been the most popular Southern resort in Washington. Its proprietor is a Virginian of Southern manners and cordiality. Speaker Crisp and family live at the Metropolitan and of course it is the centre of Democratic influence.

TO-DAY'S OBSERVANCE.

Services at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Quite a number of Episcopal clergy arrived in the city yesterday to attend the observances in honor of their Bishop to-day. The first of the services to be held in commemoration of the notable anniversary is at the church of the Good Shepherd this morning at 11 o'clock. The Holy Communion will be celebrated, and an address will be delivered by Bishop Lyman, after which Rev. M. M. Marshall, D. D., president of the standing committee, will make a short address.

To-morrow evening in Christ church there will be a joint service of that congregation and the congregation of the church of the Good Shepherd, when there will be addresses by clergy and laity.